How an AI assistant by NTU ruined my degree - and how no one in the school helped

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Last semester, I'd been accused of AI-built essays by my professor.

I'd used Grammarly, a writing assistant that checks for grammar and tone, like the professor did. But I'd used it on the wrong school's version of Microsoft Word. I'd never been told I couldn't. I'd never been told I shouldn't. I'd never been told anything.

I'm a first-year student at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore, majoring in business management.

Nobody helped me. No one explained anything. That is wrong with NTU. One school. Hundreds of bureaucracy. And the school's AI assistant, which is supposed to help students navigate their courses, is the worst offender.

It's not there to help students navigate their courses. It's there to help the university dodge responsibility.

What sort of a relationship is the beginning of secondary schools, where a 13-year-old is told that they will be punished for not knowing the rules, but not told what the rules are?

My grandma lives in Singapore and knows technology only as an academic focus, your cosmology? Yeah, I get that.

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Ok_Constant_9886 [OP] 1 day ago
Edit: 5,000 characters.

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Longjr8 1 day ago
Did you check the terms of service/ policies?? This proves to just throwing useless terms

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Ok_Constant_9886 [OP] 1 day ago
As you know NTU was able to exercise their rights to not hearing before being punished.

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Ok_Constant_9886 [OP] 1 day ago
They do not answer emails. They do not have any "Disciplinary Committee". They do not have any "Appeals Committee". They do not have any "Appeals Committee".

Not getting into hearing to accept or cancel punish...

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Longjr8 1 day ago
Check if you accept it somewhere and if it was known by your rep? What's the T&C

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Screenshots. Emails. Lots of emails.

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Ok_Constant_9886 [OP] 1 day ago
Every email contains an outline. Every email contains a deadline. Every email contains a punishment

anonhoosh 1d ago

Reasonably sure in some cases, but not the 6th March block. All of your screenshots and those I've seen from others are pre-announcement. I'm not sure if they've been applied to anyone who's received a post-announcement ban, but I'm not aware of any. Hopefully someone else can confirm.

Could you check if any other posters who had their citations in alphabetical order (I'm sure this is common) in the case that they are.

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Ryan_Lanz 1d ago

Are you sure it's not just alphabetical order?

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AutomaticWolf 1d ago

I don't think it's the only one, but when I obtained two tax returns tomorrow, after the announcement, they were alphabetical by last name.

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EagleonWatch 1d ago

Adding further to the concept of not that type-faces block words and it's basically a font, I've had a couple of posts removed for using the word super hero.

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anonhoosh 1d ago

Same here, but the only one with a month number type word in citations was the 6th March block.

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Dependable-Use-5267 1d ago

I'm the only one in my block that has typed those words and it's been removed, so I'm not sure what's going on with that. I'm sorry you're in that boat, though.

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You could try running page counts through them for additional support.

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Interesting! I should get to 500 KYC in the next few days, so I'll keep an eye out for it.

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There is no such thing as a reliable detector. Any company is publishing misinformation to sell their product. Even if it was 100% reliable, it would be trivial to bypass.

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Intelligent_Ad_7738 1d ago

Yes, I'm sure. I'm only one with a month name type word in citations, but I'm not alone in having multiple citations in alphabetical order.

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"In the body, the report advised a page of the hearing by name: Bruce Ingram Jones. ... Jones's name appeared in the hearing notice, which was posted on the court docket and read: 'Jones Bruce Ingram.' ... Jones's name appeared in the hearing notice, which was posted on the court docket and read: 'Jones Bruce Ingram.'" Whether the hearing notice was posted on the court docket twice or whether the hearing notice was posted on the court docket and the report duplicated the hearing notice from the court docket is unclear. Regardless, the hearing notice was posted on the court docket. Nowhere in the report does it state that the hearing notice was posted on the court docket twice. Nowhere in the report does it state that the hearing notice was posted on the court docket and the report duplicated the hearing notice from the court docket.

Source and link at home

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LegalEagle1776 1d ago

And yet, she wrote that not multiple names on multiple lines of a record have an AI tell-it-is-not-dead-person. It's perfect. No outright lies. Just a misleading statement that is technically true. Which is the worst kind of lie. Because it's the hardest to call out. Because it's the most likely to be believed. Because it's the most likely to be repeated. Because it's the most likely to be used to justify the next lie. Which is the worst kind of lie. Because it's the most likely to be used to justify the next lie. Which is the worst kind of lie.

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What's the point?
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Why did you ask for testimony rather than to deny all liability?

What do you mean "3 citation mistakes/typos"?

Like you had a letter wrong or spelled a name wrong?

Or you fucking cited non-existent papers because you were using AI and pasting it into your word document?

Tell us exactly what these mistakes were. Also the idea that "I got 20 citations right so 3 is no big deal" is one of the dumbest things I've ever read a supposed college student say. If a single citation you included doesn't exist, you definitely used AI and are lying about it. Which is why you would obviously have motivation to lie to all of us, too, if that was the case. Why wouldn't you have told us in the first place what these "mistakes/typos" are, since that is very obviously the key piece of information we all need to know how to interpret the situation?

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CurveSad2086 OP • 1mo ago • Edited 1mo ago
Top 1% Poster

Ok. Since you're going to be rude about it and assume the worst, I'm going to state my citation errors clearly: (I only summarised it for the sake of the post and its word count)

1. Typo one: mispelling
2. Typo two: listing a secondary source instead of a primary source (a source within a source, instead of the wider source itself)
3. Typo three: an expired link because the domain changed

For all of the above, I gave my professor a copy where I corrected these, and provided all updated links and correct references, so they did exist. Not sure why you're so angsty.

Also if you did read the post properly, I also stated that I got arrowed for AI specifically because I used an alphabetical sorter for my citations. There was nothing flagged out from my writing itself. Please refer back to your username.

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RemindMeToTouchGrass • 1mo ago

>Since you're going to be rude about it and assume the worst, I'm going to state my citation errors clearly

LMAO I love your reasoning. Not "Because no one could possibly make an appropriate judgement without it" or "because my entire case obviously hinges on it" ubt "because you were rude." Well then I guess I did the right thing?

3. How long ago did the domain change? Like-- between the time you looked it up and the time you submitted your report?

>There was nothing flagged out from my writing itself.

Never said there was?

>if you did read the post properly

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Yes, you did. And there is no way anyone can know if your statement reflects reality or assumptions you made about your professor's mindset. So I didn't address what you stated, and instead asked for the key information, which for some reason you decided to leave out/leave vague.

Of course I'm still going to be skeptical, but thank you for at least providing the literal minimum amount of information that is absolutely necessary, which very obviously should have been in the original post.

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ZeroPauper • 1mo ago
Uni Top 1% Poster

Touch some grass you edgelord.

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Ecstatic-Fee-3331 • 1mo ago • Edited 1mo ago

You can look for sympathy and wallow in self pity, justify the hardwork and all that, but the bottomline question is, did you use A.I. and what is the school's policy on that?

While sorry for your predicament, the rules are the rules. They are there for a reason. Rather, take this chance to nurture your resilience. Grades aren't everything over the long term. You may not believe this being stuck in a well now, but take this as a learning opportunity - if you did indeed use A.i. against school policy. You don't need to answer if you did or not. Good luck

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CurveSad2086 OP • 1mo ago
Top 1% Poster

No I did not, hence the accusation. I even provided receipts of my internet search history to show that I accessed the articles I wrote about

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tictactorz • 1mo ago

imagine not reading the post 💀

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Luckyfacai888 • 1mo ago

So arrogant, are u the prof in qn?

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WangmasterX • 1mo ago

Wow you stupid af

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Ecstatic-Fee-3331 • 1mo ago

Whos stupid af for not being able to clear their name. Whos stupid af for not being able to help. Not me. I'm just a random Sabrina.

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WangmasterX • 1mo ago

Holy shit you're actually the dumbass prof who marked down OP.

Looks like they give out degrees to anyone these days.

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Ecstatic-Fee-3331 • 1mo ago

I sure am

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cremedeladoggos • 1mo ago

Narcissist.

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HanamichiYossarian • 27d ago

wah lao eh, Luk Luk don't like this leh. Why call yourself stupid?

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johnjonjawn • 1mo ago

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redditor_here • 1mo ago

you need to take a step back and check your ego. you might think that your actions and words are justified, but right now your temperament is a terrible look on your school and your abilities as an educator.

also, literally everything is labeled as "ai" these days. if the posted articles are accurate, op just used a citation generator. these tools have been around for decades. i used one of them 20 years ago to get my citations in order. i'm quite sure your school's policies are against generative ai, which this is not.

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